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All hands on deck *for a healthier downtown*

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Community feedback is a pivotal ingredient in the Chicopee Center Food Force's mission to make downtown Chicopee a healthier place to live. As it aims to increase access to fresh fruits and vegetables in the West End, the community initiative is requesting the insight of those who live there.

Wednesday, July 15 at 7 p.m., the Food Force will hold a virtual Zoom meeting in an effort to collect ideas and better understand the perspectives of residents who live downtown. The Wednesday evening meeting will gauge the prospects of implementing a community garden, a farmers' market or even home produce delivery.

"With everything going on with Covid-19, food access is definitely becoming an issue. We're trying to get different opinions on what we can do to increase food access in Chicopee. We want to do the public forum because we want to hear the voices of those folks who are living in the center," said Greta Shwachman, the farm-to-school coordinator for Chicopee Public Schools and a member of the Food Force.

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Above, Chicopee youngsters show their freshly-grown potatoes. The Chicopee Center Food Force is hoping to increase access to fresh produce in the city's West End. For more information visit foodforcechicopee.com. Right, Fresh root vegetables like these may soon be available to more city residents through various initiatives developed by the Chicopee Center Food Force. The group will hold a virtual meeting on Zoom July 15.

CITY COUNCIL

No layoffs, Vieau tells City Council

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

The pandemic has challenged Mayor John Vieau in a myriad of ways in his first term, but he was able to make a positive announcement during the June 25 City Council Budget Hearing. Despite the financial setbacks that the city has endured, no city employees will be laid off as a result of Covid-19.

"I'm very proud of the budget for the fact that no one is being laid off and no one is losing their job. That was the most important part for me, as a new mayor, to make sure that every single employee was able to keep his or her job," said Vieau.

When asked by Ward 1 City Councilor Joel McAuliffe why he submitted his own budget instead of adopting a 1/12 budget, Vieau explained that the move was endorsed by the state's Division of Standards.

Chicopee Mayor John Vieau

"DOS recommended that we go with last year's budget and last year's numbers because of all of the uncertainty. That was probably the most conservative approach, and that's the approach we took to go with; a full-year budget," he said.

Vieau continued on to acknowledge that the budget will likely be altered over the course of the next 12 months. He thanked his department heads for their patience and understanding, noting that it is difficult to financially strategize in the current environment.

"We're hopeful that we can backfill some jobs," said Vieau. "No services have been cut at all; we're pretty proud of that. On that note, we'll probably have to revisit this budget, and we know that, but there's so much uncertainty. We're waiting for Boston to give us some guidance and, frankly, the federal government to give us some help

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Murals give a voice to disenfranchised

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

Social change is on the horizon and so too will be multiple Black Lives Matter murals in the center of downtown Chicopee. The Chicopee Cultural Council is sponsoring the murals to empower minority residents who feel disenfranchised within the city limits.

"We've decided to sponsor two murals in honor of Black Lives Matter and are encouraging people of color to submit designs because we want to give them a voice," said Johnny Miranda, council chair and an outspoken advocate of equality.

"For far too long, Chicopee has been known to be racist. This is no secret; it's public perception. With these murals, we will be able to start to change that mentality. Not only will this create more conscious citizens but it will also speak to the city's support for its arts and culture."

The council is accepting design submissions now through July 29 and will use funding from the Massachusetts Cultural Council and the city of Chicopee to complete the project. Miranda commended Mayor John Vieau and the City Council for its financial contributions to the effort.

"The city did it. We want to step forward and affirm what the city already stated, precisely because there is a little bit of resistance in our city towards the Black Lives Matter movement and affirming it. If more institutions [affirm it] publicly, I think that more people will start to get it. It's very important," said Miranda.

The murals will be constructed in Chicopee Center to remind residents that the pursuit of racial equality and social justice cannot be ignored. Miranda believes that now is time to respond to a problem that he feels has been brewing for centuries.

"A lot has to do with education. If kids are learning racist behavior at home, they're going to replicate that outside of the home," he said. "We can't let this educational aspect be put solely on parents because what if parents are racist and they're teaching that to their kids? Reform starts in the schools. We need inclusive, diverse teachers; we need to see Black teachers in Chicopee. We don't have that."

Miranda will not be deterred nor discouraged by detractors, individuals who have spoken out against he and his peers and dismissed the need to fight racism in Chicopee. He explained that minorities are not asking for the world; they're merely asking for what they are owed as human beings.

"It's a matter of human rights. The people who are fighting for this movement are not people who want to be different from anyone else. They don't want privilege. They want equality," said Miranda.

The West End is already in the midst of a Transformative Development Initiative and Miranda is confident that the wave of momentum in Chicopee Center will make a lasting impression. He described his confidence in a better tomorrow and predicts that the murals will contribute to a better Chicopee.

"The city is going through a process of renovation," said Miranda. "There are projects on the loop for TDI that will also be launched in August. We're looking forward to that and I think that if we have these murals up, they'll go with the refreshing changes that the city is trying to implement. They'll be visible, and it will give a good impression of the city as we embrace our Black community and our people of color."

Individuals interested in design parameters and submissions can do so by messaging the council at chicopeeculturalcouncil@yahoo.com.

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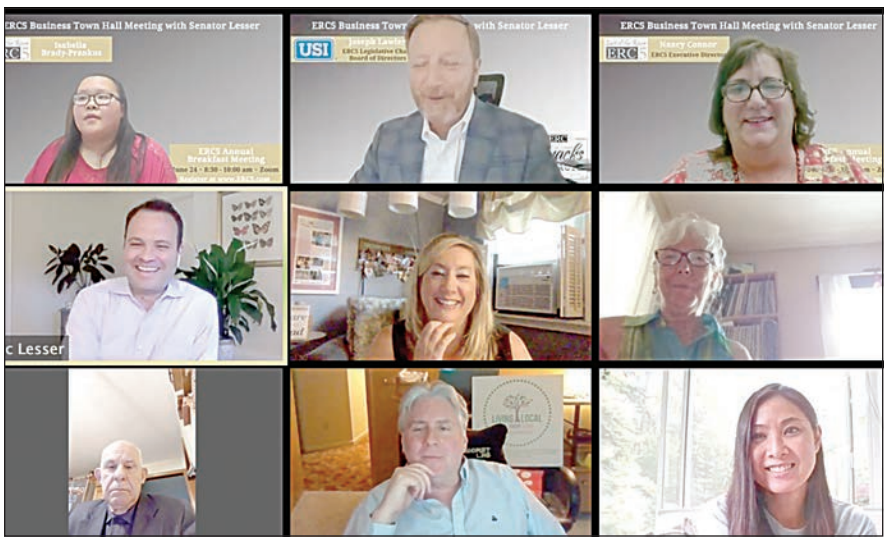
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State Sen. Eric Lesser takes questions from members of the ERC5 during a virtual town hall.

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Lesser attends virtual town hall with ERC5

EAST LONGMEADOW – State Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow), recently attended a virtual town hall hosted by the East of the River Five Town Chamber of Commerce, offering legislative updates and answering questions about reopening and recovery in Massachusetts. The conversation was moderated by Joseph Lawler, of Wilbraham, legislatie chair of the Executive Committee.

The COVID-19 epidemic has sparked a health crisis along with a dire economic crisis, especially for our small, locally owned businesses and their employees," Lesser said. "It is essential that the state works to support our small business community and their employees, who have faced widespread closure and layoff due to no fault of their own. Working alongside the ERC5, we must ensure our economy not only recovers, but continues to grow in the months and years ahead."

Nancy Connor, ERC5 executive director, said the organization was happy to have hosted the forum with Lesser, giving the business community a chance to learn the state's plan for reopening saely and efficiently.

"We at the ERC5 appreciate Sen. Lesser's steadfast commitment balancing public health and economic interest when advocating for the best path forward for our business community in Western Mass.," she said.

Parks and Recreational Department offers 'Cartoons for Fun' class

The Chicopee Parks and Recreation Department will have a "Cartoons for Fun" class from Aug. 3-7 at the 687 Front St. office. Geared for children ages 8- to 14-years-old, the classes will be held from 9 a.m. to noon led by professional artist Michael Cady.

Participants will learn some tricks and trade tips of the cartooning world including how to create characters, how to design and draw cartoons, as well as how to sell them. The class will focus on each individual's own personal artistic style and those with little to no cartooning experience may use the class to learn.

Sketch books and supplies are included. Participants are asked to bring their own snacks and drinks. All individuals must wear masks and social distancing and public health protocols will be met.

Cost is $80 for residents and $90 for non-residents. For more information or to register, visit www.chicopeerec.com.

Baker files bill to implement officer certification system

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration recently filed legislation to create a framework for certifying Massachusetts law enforcement officers, provide accountability, ensure that police departments in and outside Massachusetts have access to candidates' training and disciplinary records, and provide incentives for officers to pursue advanced training to better serve their communities.

"This bill will create a more modern, transparent and accountable system for law enforcement credentialing and training. It will provide police departments with the tools they need to build trust and strong relationships with every community across the commonwealth-at a time when we need it most," said Gov. Charlie Baker. "We are grateful for the Black and Latino Caucus' and Public Safety officials' collaboration on this bill, and look forward to working with the Legislature to get it passed."

The bill, "An Act to Improve Police Officer Standards and Accountability and to Improve Training," would for the first time require police officers statewide to be certified and it would allow for decertification, suspension of certification, or reprimand in the event of certain misconduct. The bill would also create the Police Officer Standards and Accreditation Committee, which would be comprised of law enforcement and civilian representatives, at least half of whom would be required to be persons of color.

The bill would charge the POSA Committee with the responsibility of certifying all law enforcement officials, including those from non-municipal departments serving transit agencies, colleges and other entities. The bill would also require the Committee to create a database of certified officers, ensure that training and misconduct records are available to officers' current and future employers, and develop a standardized background check for those seeking employment with a new police department. The background check would include a check of the POSA database and the National Decertification Index.

Finally, the bill would provide incentives for law enforcement officers who pursue advanced training in relevant skills and specialties beyond the levels required of all police officers. Such training would include foreign languages, advanced domestic violence and sexual assault response, advanced de-escalation techniques and other high-level proficiencies.

Flutie Foundation supports Mental Health Association's Café Creations

SPRINGFIELD – Café Creations, an interactive learning program designed by Transition Specialist Kelsey Poole, M.Ed., CRC, in conjunction with the Mental Health Association, will provide opportunities for creativity, friendship and increasing independence for 15 adults ages 18-22 with autism or developmental disabilities. The program was made possible through a grant provided by The Doug Flutie Jr. Foundation for Autism, Inc.

Café Creations will run for three consecutive Wednesdays, July 8, 15 and 22, from 3 to 4 p.m., via the Zoom virtual meeting platform. To participate, students need access to an internet-enabled computer or tablet that can connect to Zoom.

Café Creations is designed to provide

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RiverMills fitness classes take place virtually

The Council of Aging is offering virtual fitness classes airing throughout the week on ChicopeeTV (Charter channel 192).

Residents may view Gentle Exercise Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 6 a.m.

Robin Davis of The Davis Method will lead folks through the class Reset with Robin Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and Saturdays and Sundays at 6:30 a.m. The series covers topics including stress relief, sleep, mood and more. For more information, call the RiverMills Center at 534-3698.

Sen. Lesser participates in meal distribution

State Sen. Eric Lesser (D-Longmeadow) joined the staff at RiverMills Senior Center for a take-out meal distribution Wednesday, June 17. Since April, the RiverMills Cafe has been offering take-out meals for dinner and weekend meals, prepared by the RiverMills staff, available for $2, Monday, Wednesday and Friday with curbside pick-up.

"I was excited to participate in the RiverMills grab-and-go meal program ... and see senior residents in person after months of practicing social distancing and taking COVID-19 precautions," Lesser said. "I am grateful to the staff for their dedicated work over the past few months in making sure that our senior residents receive vital resources and meals safely during the Coronavirus outbreak."

Lesser was joined by Executive Director Sherry Manyak, President of Friends of RiverMills Senior Center Al Picard, Assistant Director Holly Angelo and staff member Don Meade who assisted with meal distribution.

Those who wish to purchase a meal should call the center at 534-3698 the day before between 9:30 and 10:30 a.m. and provide a name and phone number. Their meal will be available for curbside pick-up between the hours of 1:30 and 3 p.m. the next day. For pick-up, individuals should enter the Senior Center parking lot and go down the hill and around the entrance. Folks should note that meals will be cooked but will have to be heated at home.

State Sen. Eric Lesser, D-Longmeadow, (left) and Don Meade deliver meals to Chicopee residents July 17 at the RiverMills Center. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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with budget gaps. That's where we're at."

Later in the meeting, Chicopee Public Schools Superintendent Lynn Clark answered questions regarding the fiscal 2021 budget. Similar to Vieau, Clark described the unpredictable nature of this year's budget season.

"This budget has been changing almost daily, including today's announcement of the reopening of the buildings and school come August," said Clark on June 25. "When the [Gov. Charlie Baker's] budget originally came out the schools were set to have a $95,000,000. In January, we built our budget on that and then realized that the Student Opportunity Act may not come through fully. It probably will not; if anything at all."

In light of that development, the school district also chose to adopt a level-funded budget, which entails that the same funding totals appropriated under the FY2020 budget will be appropriated for FY2021. Clark listed where the district's priorities now lie.

"In order to get there, we've prioritized mental health, we've prioritized grants knowing that a lot of grants would be coming out and we also prioritized technology and teachers and direct services," Clark said.

While the district will not layoff any of its employees, dozens of positions that were occupied during the 2019-2020 school year will be left empty. Clark explained how this came to be.

"We do have a lot of positions that we are not filling. We probably have 60 positions that are affected somehow through attrition, however, we did not do layoffs. The only people that were non-renewed are people that did not have certification," said Clark.

On a brighter note, the district saved $1.5 million in transportation costs during the pandemic. Unfortunately, the money will be used to offset other deficits.

"I will tell you that this pandemic actually increased our costs by about $2.7 million. If we took out the transportation, a little over a million we spent on a variety of things. It was technology mostly," said Clark.

The debt was incurred when the district provided items such as Chromebooks, laptops and portable Wi-Fi to students who partook in remote learning.

Before Clark left the podium in City Hall, McAuliffe offered high words of praise towards the superintendent.

"Superintendent Clark, from our community, we can't thank you enough for the work that you've done," said McAuliffe. "I can't think of any superintendent in the history the city of Chicopee who has gone through what you've gone through in the short period of time that you've been our superintendent. You've risen to the challenge; you've met the call and you and your staff have been extraordinary in the work that they're doing."

Cumberland Farms adapting to COVID challenges

By Dalton Zbierski
Staff Writer

From small businesses to corporate chains, all enterprises were forced to improvise when the Covid-19 pandemic struck Massachusetts in mid-March. Cumberland Farms, a staple in many New England communities, is among the many operations who have adapted.

Cumberland Farms, a regional chain of convenience stores based in Westborough, has more than 550 locations in eight states ranging from Maine to Florida, including two here in Chicopee. As the pandemic forced the business to stray from routine, it prioritized its curbside pickup.

"Curbside pickup allows guests to use the SmartPay Rewards app to order their favorite Cumberland Farms items and have them delivered right to their car door, curbside or while they're filling up on gas at the pump. Our most popular products are available to order via the new feature, including beverages, groceries and essentials, snacks and candy, and hot food items like pizza," said Cumberland Farms in a statement released by Danielle Datre, a senior account manager for Kel & Partners, a public relations firm.

Curbside pickup is not a luxury for the chain; it's a necessity. Cumberland Farms has encountered multiple obstacles as it continues to press forward during the pandemic.

Considering its hundreds of locations, it is not surprising that there have been more than a dozen incidents involving Cumberland Farms workers who have contracted Covid-19.

Cumberland Farms, like this location on Main Street in Palmer, are implementing new policies to serve customers amid the coronavirus pandemic. STAFF PHOTO BY DALTON ZBIERSKI

Most recently, on June 17, a Cumberland Farms location in Greenacres, Florida was temporarily shut down after a team member tested positive for the virus. Closer to home, a Meriden, Connecticut franchise was closed for several days after an employee tested positive.

The most recent incident in Massachusetts occurred on May 22 at the Cumberland Farms on Turnpike Road in Ipswich. After an employee tested positive for Covid-19, the location was shuttered and thoroughly cleaned before reopening several days later; the same location had followed a similar process on May 3 for the same reason.

On May 15, the chain announced that an employee at the Cumberland Farms on Post Road in Brookfield was ailed with the virus. Fortunately, the Western Massachusetts location has reopened for business.

Several other Massachusetts locations were also forced to shut down temporarily over the course of the past three months after an employee tested positive for Covid-19.

Those locations include Ashley Boulevard in New Bedford on May 12, Mansfield Avenue in Norton on May 8, Electric Avenue in Fitchburg on April 21, Oak Street in Brockton on April 19, Main Street in Southbridge on April 18 and Broadway in Taunton on April 5.

In an effort to prevent against the spread of Covid-19, Cumberland Farms has implemented numerous measures outside of curbside pickup. The chain enhanced its standards and procedures for cleaning protocols, encouraged symptomatic individuals to stay home and temporarily discontinued reusable cups.

"We are doing everything we can to maintain your trust and provide you with a safe environment while continuing to provide all of the essential services, such as fuel and groceries, that we can. We are committed to remaining open to serve you for as long as it is safe to do so," said George Fournier, president of Cumberland Farms' parent company, EG America.

EDITORIAL

Leave fireworks alone this year

Everyone loves a celebration with a bang. Whether it's the pop of a champagne cork, the slam of car doors from anticipated party guests, to colorful and patriotic displays of fireworks, seemingly anything worth celebrating ends up with some form of explosive behavior. And what's not to love? Especially on the Fourth of July, the celebration of our nation's independence, there's something special about seeing prolonged, kaleidoscopic displays of fireworks; about hearing the thunderous applause; about feeling the booms, pops and cracks, sometimes from miles away.

Such celebrations truly are spectacular, full-body, sensory experiences. Especially when you don't have to work the next morning. But fireworks, being explosive, are also spectacularly dangerous even when handled appropriately, and this year, with restrictions placed on social gatherings, most permitted displays by licensed professionals have been canceled or postponed to a date to be determined.

The state's Division of Fire Services and Fire Marshal Peter Ostroskey reminds residents that fireworks are illegal to possess and transport into Massachusetts, even if legally purchased elsewhere. More importantly, the week of the holiday is historically among the busiest times for fires and children younger than 15-years-of-age account for one-third of the severe burn injuries that require hospital visits.

According to DFS data, in the past decade, there have been 858 major fires and explosions resulting in 12 civilian injuries, 40 fire service injuries and an estimated dollar loss of $2.9 million.

Last year, on July 2, 2019, the Taunton Fire Department was called to a fire in a single-family home. The fire began while the homeowner was building wooden racks to launch illegal fireworks from his deck. The racks surrounded him on the deck. One of the fireworks exploded and set off many other fireworks. The detonations ignited the deck. Two days later on the Fourth of July, the Boston Fire Department was called to a fire in a three-unit apartment building. The fire was started by fireworks on the front porch. The following day, July 5, 2019, Boston Fire again responded to a three-unit apartment building when neighbors reported fireworks ignited a fire. The fire began on the back of one building and extended to another three-unit apartment building next door. Twenty people were displaced from their homes by the fires and damages were in excess of $700,000.

More than a fire hazard, igniting fireworks also poses serious safety risks that can result in injury or death. Even when handled properly by professional crews, explosives don't always go off according to plan and the results can be catastrophic.

According to DFS data, from 2010 to 2019, 37 people have been treated at Massachusetts emergency rooms for severe burn

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Saluting Sousa and 'Stars and Stripes Forever'

On July 4, 1776, the "Declaration of Independence" was signed declaring our young country's independence from Great Britain. Since 1777, in unofficial and later, with official state and national holidays, families, groups, communities and cities all across the United States of America celebrate our independence with various events.

As part of many public events, wherever John Philip Sousa's famous "The Stars and Stripes Forever" is played – whether in a majestic concert hall, in a school's auditorium or in a parade-marching band – hearts beat faster, eyes well with tears, hands applaud and salute.

In 1854, America's "March King," composer/conductor Sousa, was born in Washington, D.C. to European immigrant parents: his father of Portuguese heritage and his mother of Bavarian descent. Sousa's father played the trombone in the U.S. Marine Band. Growing up Sousa studied and played many instruments. He heard military music in his home as well as in public places.

Sousa attended the Marine band rehearsals with his father and became an apprentice musician. He joined the Marines at age 26, and became the Marine Band Director for 12 years. In 1892 he started his own Sousa Band and toured the U.S. with astounding success.

Often we learn that a personal, heart-wrenching or life-altering event births an emotional response. So it was with the arrival of tragic news in the 40 year-old life of John Philip Sousa.

In 1896, when vacationing in Europe with his wife Jane, and family, he received the terrible news that his good friend and band manager, David Blakely, had died. Immediately he made plans to return to America. While pacing the S.S. Teutonic steamer's deck, the first stirring notes of "Stars and Stripes Forever" kept echoing in his mind. His biography states, "… absorbed in thoughts of my manager's death and the many duties and decision which awaited me in New York … I began to sense a rhythmic beat of a band playing within my brain. Throughout the whole tense voyage, that imaginary band continued … re-echoing the most distant melody."

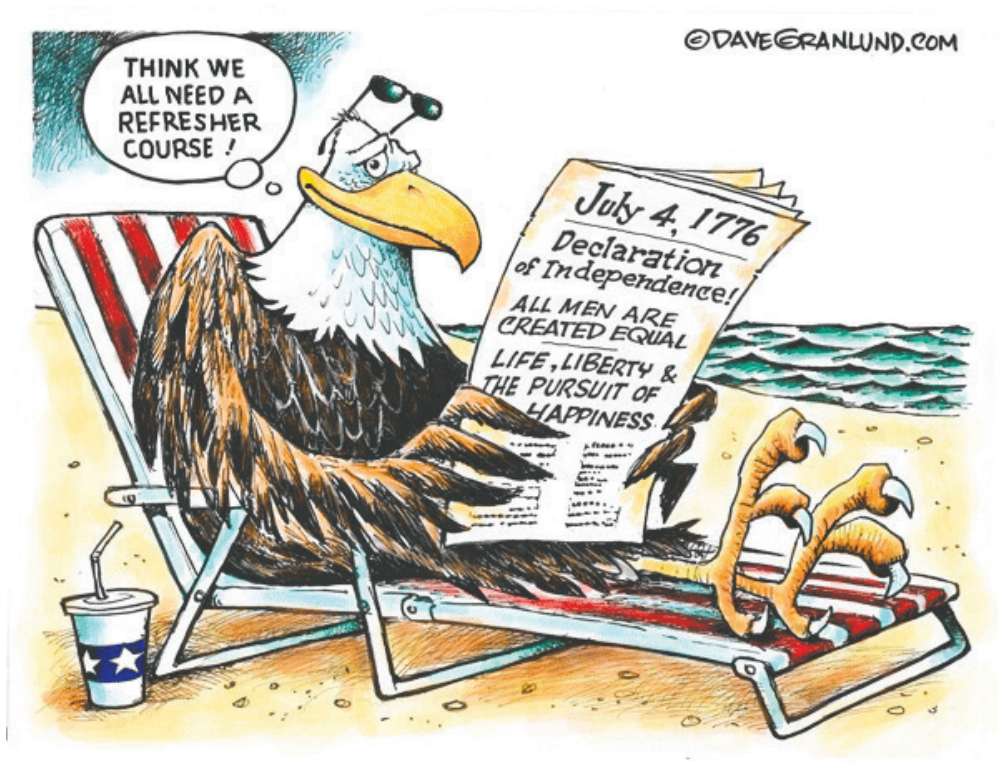
Sousa didn't, or perhaps couldn't, pen a note of music until reaching shore. Then he wrote each measure that his "brain-band played" without a single note ever being changed.

On May 14, 1897, Sousa's first performance in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania aroused patriotism. The audience stood! A tradition was born! Former Sousa Band members said they were always inspired "by looking into the misty eyes of those in the audience."

In 1917, as America entered World War I, Sousa, then 62, re-enlisted, but in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He formed and directed a musical battalion, marched across America in parades raising millions of dollars for the war effort.

When Sousa was asked about his patriotism, he would emotionally reply that his "Stars and Stripes Forever" music was divinely inspired.

On Fourth of July or whenever and wherever you hear John Philp Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" played, remember the famous patriotic composer and conductor. Stand and patriotically applaud and salute the former Marine and Navy serviceman who loved the United States of America, its red, white and blue flag, and displayed it through his music.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IN THE GARDEN

ROBERTA MCQUAID
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It's amazing the amount of growth crabgrass can put on in just a matter of weeks. Although it feels like I was just out there weeding, I must admit that some of my gardens are inundated with it. Had I been a better mulcher this past spring, it's likely I wouldn't have this problem. Unfortunately, however, mulch is only a temporary solution to our weeds. To really be effective in our ornamental gardens it must be "refreshed" or top-dressed each year. This can amount to a great expense if large areas of the yard need to be covered. Instead of mulching so much consider using groundcovers. When used appropriately they can keep down the weeds and add another dimension of interest to the landscape. Best of all, there is one to fit every situation: sun or shade, wet or dry!

One of my favorite groundcovers is Ajuga or bugle weed. It smothers weeds by quickly forming a dense carpet of foliage. The most common type has burgundy leaves and medium blue flower spikes in late spring. Variegated varieties are

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Registration underway for Jimmy Fund Walk

BOSTON – Registration is now open for the 2020 Boston Marathon Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way presented by Hyundai. This year, the walk will have a different look as it transforms into a virtual event in an effort to ensure the safety of everyone in the community.

Participants will be encouraged to "Walk Your Way" from wherever they are most comfortable — whether that be from their neighborhood, favorite trail, or from a treadmill in their own home on Sunday, Oct. 4.

While the event will not physically bring walkers together along the famed Boston Marathon course, it will continue to unite the community to raise funds to support all forms of adult and pediatric patient care and cancer research at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. The Jimmy Fund Walk has raised more than $145 million for Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in its more than 30-year history.

This year's event will have a lower fundraising requirement ($100 for adults and $25 for those

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From left, Karoline Klaus, Meghan Kalbaugh, Julianna DeGray, Hailey Prive, Lauren Tilbury and Ava Baron are this year's recipients of college scholarships through the Chicopee St. Patrick's Parade Committee. SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Parade Committee awards scholarships

The Chicopee St. Patrick's Parade Committee has awarded college scholarships to six young women who participated in the 2020 Colleen Contest last February. The awards were based on academic achievement, community involvement, extracurricular activities and other significant accomplishments.

The following awards in the amount of $500 each were given:

Ruth and William Corridan and Barbara Corridan Hemond Scholarship, awarded to Karoline Klaus, a graduate of Springfield Technical Community College, who plans to attend Western New England University.

Culloo Family Scholarship, in memory of Maura Culloo-Burns, 1996 Chicopee Colleen, awarded to Ava Baron, a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, who plans to attend Providence College.

Rodowicz Family Scholarship, in memory of Leo O'Brien, awarded to Hailey Prive, a graduate of Chicopee High School, who plans to attend Holyoke Community College.

Parade Committee Scholarship awarded to Meghan Kalbaugh, a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, who attends American International College.

Parade Committee Scholarship awarded to Lauren Tilbury, a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, who plans to attend Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

Parade Committee Scholarship awarded to Julianna DeGray, a graduate of Chicopee Comprehensive High School, who plans to attend Colby-Sawyer College.

For more than 65 years, the Chicopee St. Patrick's Parade Committee has overseen the city's participation in the Holyoke St. Patrick's Parade. With the support of many generous sponsors, its members organize the Colleen Contest and Coronation Ball, design and build the Colleen's award-winning float, and promote Irish pride and culture through many events. In addition to these activities, the committee awards scholarships to young women who plan to further their education at a college or university.

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also available as are those that bloom in white or pink. It hugs the ground except when in flower. Plant in sun or partial shade anywhere that the soil remains evenly moist. Spring or fall division is fine; set new clumps nine inches or more apart.

Another very effective yet underused groundcover is sweet woodruff. Galium odoratum grows to a height of six to eight inches. Leaves are shiny green, and grow in delicate whorls. When crushed they release a vanilla fragrance. For this reason sweet woodruff was a popular strewing herb during Elizabethan times. It also is the main ingredient in May wine. Tiny, star-shaped flowers are delightful in May and June. Plant in a shady spot where moisture is sufficient. Divisions are best made in the spring months.

Periwinkle or vinca is a well-known groundcover suitable to many locations in the landscape. As long as your soil is well-drained periwinkle will thrive there, whether it be in sun or shade. Shiny, dark green leaves are produced on shoots that root easily along the surface of the soil. In no time at all a thick mat will form, choking out weeds and even desirable plants in its path. Cut back hard or even mow to keep in check. Quarter-sized violet blue flowers cover the foliage in late spring. Divide anytime but remember to water transplants well until they are established.

Lamium or dead nettle is another groundcover of interest. Both its flowers and variegated foliage make it worthy or cultivation. The term "dead" refers to the plants inability to inflict pain when touched, unlike the other nettle, which of course is aptly named stinging nettle. My two favorite forms of this plant have yellow flowers. Yellow archangel forms more clumps, reaching the height of 10 inches, whereas 'Variegatum' spreads quickly by runners and grows about 14 inches tall. Both have splotched foliage and unique, hooded blooms in late spring. When planted in full sun dead nettle requires moist soil. In shadier locales it tolerates dry soil very well. Utilize it under shade trees where grass will not grow. Underplant with late blooming tulips or daffodils for an incredible show.

For more information on these and other groundcovers, consult "Herbs in Bloom" by Jo Ann Gardner (Timber Press, $24.95). Great pictures and detailed cultural information will reinvigorate you, even this late in the season, and even if crabgrass has got the best of your garden.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

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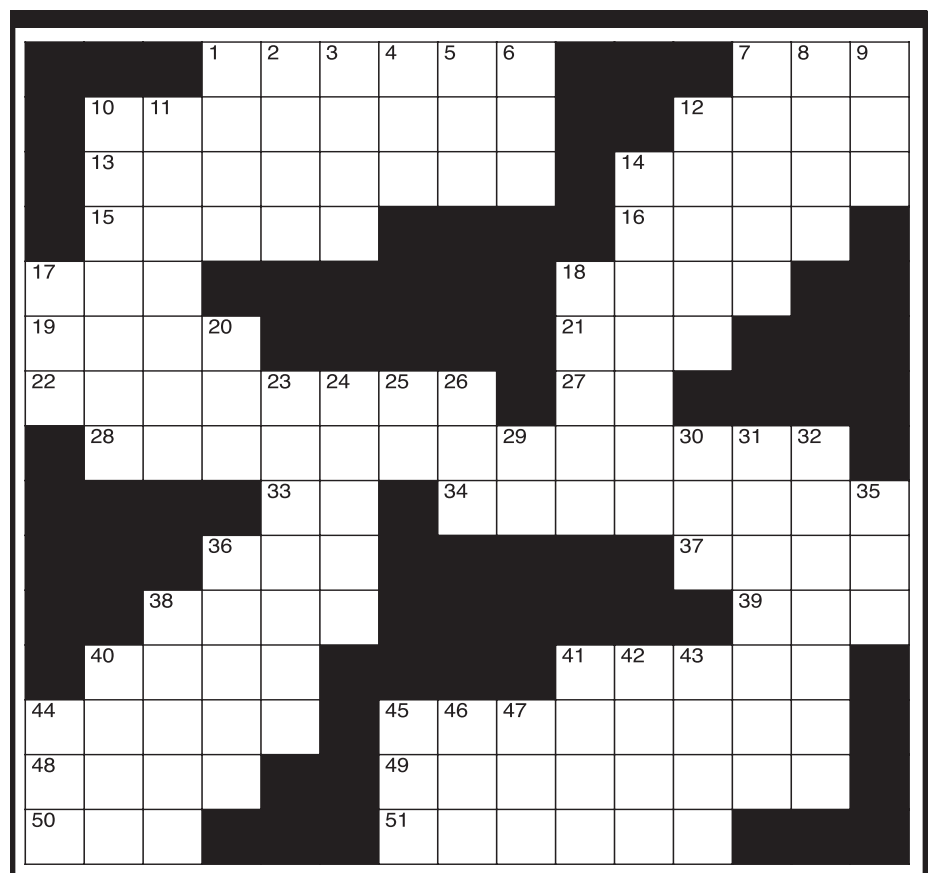
injuries from fireworks – burns covering 5 percent or more of the body. Thirty-three percent were children age 14 or younger. An additional 22 percent were youth aged 15-24. The youngest victim was a 7-month old boy. Victims are scarred for life.

Last year, a 29-year old Charlton man received burns to 9 percent of his body and puncture wounds to his back from a fireworks explosion. State Police confiscated a large cache of illegal fireworks from his home. A 4-year-old Boston girl received severe burns to her hand when grabbing a lit sparkler someone else was holding.

The possession and use of all fireworks by private citizens is illegal in Massachusetts. This includes Class C fireworks, which are sometimes falsely called "safe and sane" fireworks. Class C fireworks include sparklers, party poppers, snappers, firecrackers, spinners and cherry bombs. Sparklers burn at 1,800 F or higher. It is illegal to transport fireworks into Massachusetts, even if they were purchased legally elsewhere. Illegal fireworks must be confiscated on the spot.

This year, there is much to celebrate, particularly as the state is seemingly making progress in the fight against the novel coronavirus. Celebrate explosively with friends and family, following public health guidelines, of course. Just leave the real explosives behind and give our emergency responders a break. Together, let's have a safe, healthy and happy Fourth of July.



CLUES ACROSS
1. African nation
7. __ fi (slang)
10. Not arranged according to size
12. A demand for a show of hands in a card game
13. Having a play of lustrous rainbowlike colors
14. Panama has one
15. Taking legal action
16. Top of the body
17. Part of (abbr.)
18. Soul and calypso song
19. Murres
21. Irish river
22. Accepts as true
27. The Bay State
28. 1950s Hollywood icon
33. Blood type
34. In a way, became lost
36. Large primate
37. A spongelike cake leavened with yeast
38. Mama __, folk singer
39. Visual metaphor (computers)
40. Trim by cutting
41. Small group of people
44. Pulitzer-winning scientist
45. Unique S. American mammal
48. Energy, style and enthusiasm
49. One who works for you
50. Snakelike fish
51. Consumers

CLUES DOWN
1. Cylindrical sacs
2. Extinct North Germanic language
3. Late rocker Allman
4. Word element meaning ear
5. Amino acid (abbr.)
6. Promotions
7. Actress Lathan
8. Clothed
9. Unwell
10. Loosen
11. Cephalopod mollusks
12. __ at Obdurata: Harmful papal bull
14. Musical composition
17. Irish bar
18. Greek island
20. Afflict
23. Goes by
24. Ambience
25. Video game manufacturer
26. Surplus Marketing Administration
29. Football position
30. Electronic musical style (abbr.)
31. Furniture with open shelves
32. Clouds of gas in outer space
35. Indian midwife
36. Packers' signal caller
38. Secret political clique
40. Cry weakly
41. Gomer __, marine
42. Academic Bill of Rights
43. Negatives
44. Hip hop icon Kool Moe __

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Nature Walk

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SOCCER

PVSSL ready to play at start of Phase 3

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League is starting to take shape, and if all goes according to plan, the league will be able to start up just after the Fourth of July holiday.

Registration has now closed for the league for the summer and the full schedule of games is being finalized.

Gov. Charlie Baker wanted two weeks of data from Phase 2, part 2, which was centered on allowing limited indoor dining.

Phase 3, at minimum, could have started earlier this week before the slight delay. But trends have continued to be positive in Massachusetts, as well as the nearby Tri-State area.

Once league play begins, it will go through the month of July and into early August with the same eight-team playoff format.

League Commissioners Chris and Diana Kolodziey were adamant since May they wanted to have a season, even if it was delayed or a bit shorter.

The exact game schedule was not available as of press time, but it could be anywhere from six to 10 games. The normal regular season schedule has often been 10 or 11 games. Kolodziey said while the high school league rarely played games on the weekend, weekends would be utilized this summer in order to fit in as many games as possible.

One difference than in previous years due to many obvious reasons related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The A Division for high school boys will consist of many teams that are normally involved, including Ludlow, Belchertown, Agawam, Wilbraham, and Chicopee. Pittsfield and Enfield are among newcomers to the league this year.

In the girls A Division, West Springfield, last year's champion, leads a field that includes Agawam, South Hadley, Monson, Ludlow, Wilbraham, and Belchertown. Enfield joins the league for the first time.

In the B Division, there are usually more teams. There are much fewer this summer. The Boys league has 12 teams. Palmer, South Hadley, Ludlow C, Agawam, Belchertown, and Wilbraham all have B teams. Enfield also joins with a B team.

The girls B Division will also feature a new Enfield team, along with Chicopee Comp, Granby, Wilbraham B, Ludlow B, Belchertown B, Agawam B, and Hampshire Regional.

The Men's league will have just seven teams, including Lusitano Red and White and the Rumbleseat. Griffin's Café is also a returning team.

The women's division includes the Lusitano Women, Here For Beer, WMass XTremes, and Santos among returning teams.

SPORTS

Questions still surrounding athletics return this fall

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – A fall season is being planned for, but it is still unclear what one might look like under the new landscape of a COVID-19 "new normal."

According to numerous sources, Massachusetts is just one of a few states that is on a good track to lowering the infection rate of the coronavirus and keeping the healthcare system from being overloaded.

But as individuals wish to "head back on the field," it leaves a lot of questions, which are jointly being considered by high schools and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association.

Their first move was to postpone the use of MaxPreps as a ranking system for teams. It is supposed to a method used to provide uniformity as the state goes to a statewide tournament system and eliminates the sectional tournament format.

In Massachusetts, summers sports like baseball are looking to open up as part of Phase 3 and hold some type of competition.

But schools have still received a lot of guidance for how things will need to look in the fall, leaving a number of schools to consider whether a portion of their learning will be done remotely, as it was done during the past three and a half months.

Schools closer to Boston and possibly schools with larger populations like in Springfield will have to more seriously consider online options for school. The MIAA will then have to consider what that will do for eligibility requirements to play a sport. They will also have to consider transportation and other elements.

Normally, an individual must attend school by a certain time in order to be eligible to practice or participate in a contest that day. Many teams also require a player participate in practice the day before in order to be eligible to play. But if a player is not required to physically be in school, how will that be handled by the MIAA?

The "New Normal" until a vaccine has been secured for the coronavirus will still likely involve requiring individuals to wear masks or face coverings and to socially distance whenever possible.

In certain sports, like football, contact is inevitable. Football also draws large crowds on a Friday night, and those will need to be controlled as well.

The MIAA has already appointed a COVID-19 Task Force that is looking at many of these issues. The Task Force has not held a formal meeting like many of the MIAA sub-committees, but has issued some different guidance on opening sports.

The Pioneer Valley is represented on the committee by Carol Kruser, the principal of Chicopee High School.

Among the measures that have been brought forward so far: Schools will have the right to choose how their academ-

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BASEBALL

Valley Wheel gets ready for July 9 start

SPRINGFIELD – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League has one final tryout on July 5 at 12 noon at Blunt Park in Springfield. The league still needs players as it plans to resume play with the first game scheduled for Thursday, July 9, and continuing through August.

Josh Catter throws the ball back to the infield.

League veterans hit fly balls to the rookies at the June 28 practice at Blunt Park in Springfield.

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Steve Scibelli follows through on a throw after making a catch.

Valley Wheel League rookie players lineup to take fly balls.

SPORTS

Holyoke rookie makes early impact in Street Stock event

WINCHESTER, NH: This past Saturday, Monadnock Speedway received the green light from the State of New Hampshire to host the 2020 Season Opener. The race teams and fans were excited to finally get back to the track at the high banked ¼ mile.

First feature of the night was the Pure Stocks as Mike Douglas (Northfield, Ma) was the early leader. Bruce Clark (Greenfield, Ma) was all over the back bumper of the Douglas machine as Sammy Silva (Alstead, NH) ran third. Lap 17, a caution flew for Reagan Buffum (Surry, NH) for an overheating issue. On the restart, Douglas and Clark ran side by side as Douglas regained the lead. On the last lap, Clark went to the inside of Douglas coming out of turn four and at the line, it was Clark for the win followed by Douglas, Silva, Damon Roy (Claremont, NH), JD Stockwell (Turners Falls, Ma). In a post race inspection, Clark was disqualified for a rules infraction with the win being rewarded to Douglas.

Mini Stocks came rolling off the track with some competitors not able to make the feature event due to various hard wrecks during the qualifier. Kevin Clayton (Fitzwilliam, NH) led the field early. Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH) ran a close second with Tim Leblanc (Hinsdale, NH) in third. By lap six, Leblanc moved into second and began to challenge Clayton for the lead. Two laps later, Leblanc spun Clayton out of the lead as the caution flew and Leblanc was sent to the rear. Farnum led the field to the restart as Nathan Wenzel (Granby, Ma) and Shelby Avery (Bernardston, Ma) battled for third. Farnum began to cruise away from the rest of the field, Avery looked to the inside of Wenzel for the pass but was denied. At the checkers, it was Farnum followed by Wenzel, Avery, Doug Curry (Norwich, CT) and Leblanc.

Rookie Tim Wenzel (Holyoke, MA) set the pace for the Street Stock feature event. Chris Curtis (Rutland, MA) moved into the lead early as Wenzel attempted to hold off Hillary Renaud (Vernon, CT). Few laps later, Jaret Curtis (Rutland, MA) was knocking on the back bumper of Renaud for third. At the half way mark, Chris Curtis pulled away from the field as Jaret Curtis almost made it three wide for second but backed off as Wenzel remained in second. Lap twenty-two, the caution flew for a flat on Chris Riendeau's race machine. On the restart, Chris Curtis held the lead as Jaret Curtis moved into second with Jimmy Renfrew (Candia, NH) glued to his back bumper. Final lap, Chris Curtis took down the victory followed by his son Jared Curtis, Jimmy Renfrew, Chris Buffone and Tim Wenzel.

It was a battle from the past for the Late Model Sportsman feature event as Tyler Lescord (Claremont, NH), Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) and Adam Gray (Granby, Ma) battled it out for the lead. Gray quickly took the lead but felt pressure from Fellows who ran second. Robert Hagar (Windsor, VT) worked on the back bumper of Lescord for third. Lap 10, a caution flew for Camdyn Curtis who hit the front stretch wall. On the restart, Fellows took over the lead. Lap 17, another caution flew for Bill Johnston. On the restart, Fellows continued to lead as Gray and Hagar ran side by side for second. Hagar made the pass as Fellows gained a good lead from the rest of the pack. At the wave of the checkered flag, it was Fellows followed by Hagar, Gray, Justin Littlewood (Athol, Ma) and Lescord.

The NHSTRA Modifieds took the track for the final NASCAR Advanced Auto Parts weekly division of the night. Matt Kimball (Bennington, NH) took the early lead followed by Ben Byrne (Deerfield, Ma) and Brian Robie (Sunapee, NH). An early caution came out for Brad Zahensky in the back stretch wall. The field was able to get in one more lap until the caution flew again for rookie Solomon Brow. On the restart, Kimball continued to lead followed by Robie. Byrne and Trevor Bleau (Troy, NH) battled for third. On lap 13, Kimball was shuffled back to sixth place as Robie took the lead. Lap 16, the caution flew for Kimball who suffered a flat tire. On the restart, the field attempted to complete a lap until Brian Chapin spun in turn four causing multiple cars to head into the pits for repair. On the restart, Robie led the field followed by Byrne, Bleau, Scott MacMichael (Newport, NH) and Todd Patnode (Swanzey, NH). Lap 25, Byrne moved into the inside of Robie and took the lead. On lap 37, the caution was out again as JT Cloutier, who suffered earlier damage from the Chapin spin, spun to the infield. On the restart, the caution flew again for Brow as he headed to pit row. The final restart was single file and on the final lap it was Byrne followed by Robie, Bleau, Kimball and Patnode. In a post race inspection, Byrne was disqualified with first place being awarded to Robie.

This Saturday, racing will return to the high banks of Monadnock Speedway featuring all the weekly divisions. Race Time is at 6PM.

Quabbin League hoping for July start

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is $192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. Sign-ups should resume soon. Based on the governor's re-open plan, the league is aiming for a start to the season in mid-July with a modified schedule. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to https://www.quabbinvalleybaseball.org/. The league is also in Facebook.

Valley Wheel Baseball tryouts ongoing

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. League tryouts are June 28 with a possible additional tryout scheduled. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valleywheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308. New players are still needed for the abbreviated season

Senior athletes features wrapping up

The Turley Publications sports department will soon be wrapping up its features on senior spring athletes

If you have not seen your senior or their sport featured, we encouraged you to send photos and info on your son or daughter, and encourage you to contact their coach to speak with us.

We have reached out to spring coaches and athletic directors, but are still trying to collect info on every team that would have been involved in this spring's season.

We hope to also publish action photos of seniors from previous seasons, though parents and coaches are encouraged to send photos of seniors they would like to see published in the upcoming editions of the paper.

All submissions can be made to Sports Editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com. In the subject line, please identify the school and sport you are writing in about. Senior athletes are also encouraged to write in to talk about the season that wasn't.

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ic eligibility for the fall will be based on since formal grading was set aside during the final three months of the school year. Chemical health suspensions are being waived for the spring. Anyone currently serving any type of suspension will receive credit for "time served" for the spring season.

As of press time, the fall season is scheduled to start on Monday, Aug. 24. Football practices will begin on Friday, Aug. 21. A Q&A done by the MIAA also states that championship venues are set to host games this fall as of now.

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IN THE CITY

FCC awards Baystate Medical Center $927,146 to expand telehealth services

SPRINGFIELD –The Federal Communications Commission's Wireless Competition Bureau has announced that Baystate Medical Center is among 77 health care providers in both urban and rural areas of the country who have been awarded a total of $29.41 million in funding to provide telehealth services during the coronavirus.

Baystate was awarded $927,146 for remote monitoring platforms focused on obstetrics, diabetes and hypertension tablets for distribution to patients and providers, as well as videoconferencing equipment to enable telehealth visits and treatment network upgrades, and kiosks to offer telehealth visits at community hospitals.

"While telehealth has been gaining momentum over the past few years, the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly accelerated its use in providing safe and effective care for patients. We thank the Federal Communications Commission for recognizing the essential role telehealth will play in the years to come, and for awarding $927,146 to Baystate Medical Center so that we can greatly expand access to this easy and convenient care option to our patients," said Dr. Mark A. Keroack, MPH, president and CEO of Baystate Health.

Keroack noted the hospital's outpatient visits dropped by 80 percent as the pandemic proceeded, while virtual visits "went up by a factor of 40."

"The obvious conclusion as a result of the coronavirus is that telehealth has become a very important tool in the physician toolbox. It can help mitigate the effects of provider shortages and bring specialty expertise to remote locations and community settings, therefore strengthening those sites of care and keep them more viable," he said.

According to a study, "Telehealth: A Technology-Based Weapon in the War Against the Coronavirus, 2020," by the research firm of Frost & Sullivan, the pandemic will continue to reshape care delivery – and open big opportunities for virtual care in the near-term future.

They forecast a sevenfold growth in telehealth by 2025 – a five-year compound annual growth rate of 38.2%.

To date, the FCC's COVID-19 Telehealth Program, which was authorized by the CARES Act, has approved 444 funding applications in 46 states, plus Washington, D.C., for a total of $157.64 million in funding. It stopped accepting applications on June 25, 2020.

The COVID-19 Telehealth Program provides $200 million in funding, appropriated by Congress as part of the CARES Act, to help health care providers provide connected care services to patients at their homes or mobile locations in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The program provides immediate support to eligible health care providers responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by fully funding their telecommunications services, information services, and devices necessary to provide critical connected care services until the program's funds have been expended or the COVID-19 pandemic has ended.

For more information on Baystate Health, visit baystatehealth.org.

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adults with developmental disabilities a virtual, interactive and fun learning experience. Each class provides students with a unique, online learning experience that enables them to walk away with something they created. Along the way, students have the opportunity to connect with others outside of their community, mostly in towns in Western Mass., while focusing on recreational and educational activities that incorporate meaningful connections and sustainable friendships. To finish each weekly session, students play interactive games with incentives and prizes.

Materials required for each session's creative project will be delivered to each student's residence in time for each session. Materials include vision boards, which enable students to get to know something about themselves and then share that with others in the group; food ingredients for students to make their own pizzas; and materials to create a lava lamp.

Students are encouraged to have a job coach or parent nearby to assist with some activities, notably making pizza which involves using an oven.

Interested individuals should sign up not later than Friday, July 3 by contacting Poole at 413-454-7112 or kpoole019@gmail.com.

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12-years-old and younger) and everyone will pay a $5 registration fee. Each walker who registers will receive a bib and medal, and the first 5,000 walkers to register will receive a commemorative T-shirt.

Anyone interested in additional information can reference the Jimmy Fund Walk: Your Way frequently asked questions or can send an email to JimmyFundWalk@DFCI.Harvard.edu.

To register or to support a walker, visit www.JimmyFundWalk.org or call 866-531-9255.

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland,** First Justice of this Court.
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Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
7/02/2020

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampden, ss.
Western Division Housing Court
Docket No. 19-CV-976
City of Chicopee v.
The Heirs and Assigns of TERRY CHENAILLE and Hannah Caracciolo
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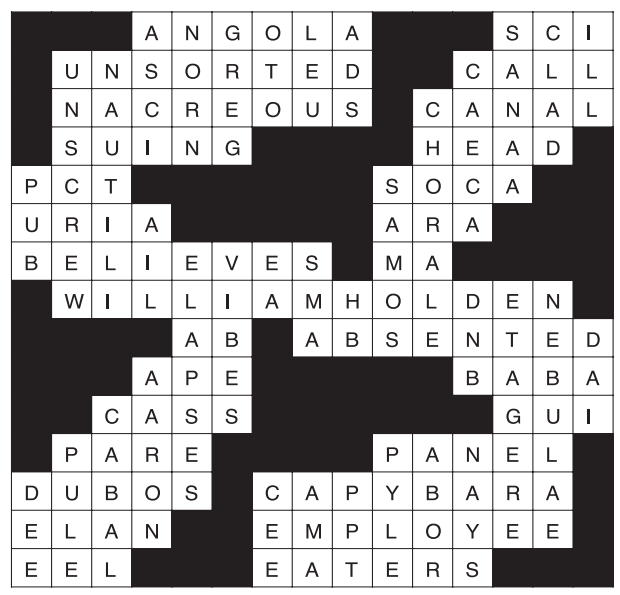

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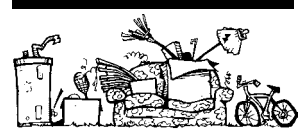

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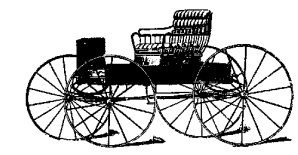

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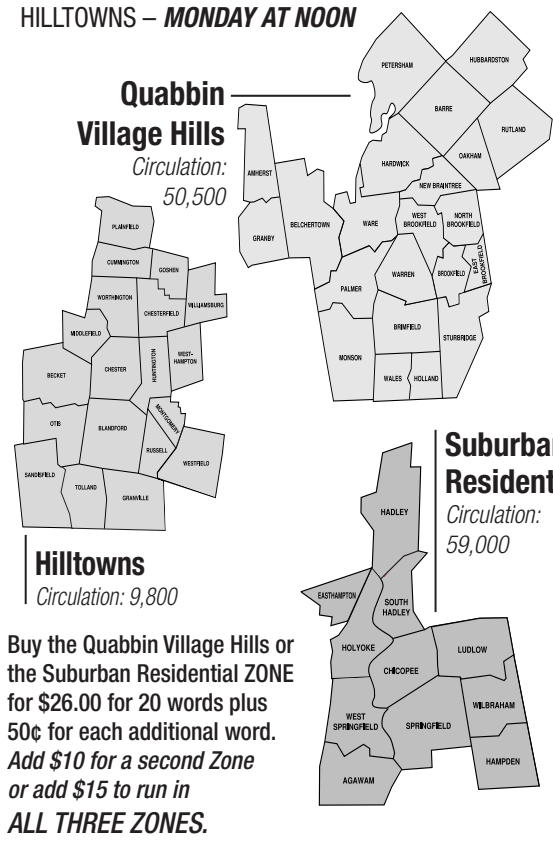

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Siena College names spring 2020 semester President's List

LOUDONVILLE, N.Y. – Siena College recently named its President's List for the spring 2020 semester. Among them is Joel Madru, of Chicopee. To qualify, a student must achieve a minimum 3.90 GPA.

Stallman named to Muhlenberg College Dean's List

ALLENTOWN, Pa. – Muhlenburg College recently announced Brayden Stallman, of Chicopee, has been named to the college's Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. To qualify, a student must earn a GPA of 3.50 or higher.

WNEU names 2020 graduates

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University recently named its graduates for 2020. In February, more than 130 students received degrees Feb. 15. In May, more than 950 students graduated.

Chicopee graduates from February are Dalya Al-Bayati, Julie Carestia, Ludmila S. Kaletin, Steven John LaRiviere, Dean F. LeHouiller and Emily R. Lepine.

May graduates are Warren Smith, Lybov Kodreanu, Katarina Bernash, Chad Parent, Michael Doyle, Kianalee Gonzalez, Kassandra Gonzalez, Alexia Vincelette, Brianna O'Connell, Sara Hazeltine, Hannah Potter, Maxon Rivera, Ashley Bonilla, Delmarina Lopez, Madison O'Brien. Shirley Arriaga, Choyce McIntosh and Ashley Rivest.

Gauthier honored at WPI

WORCESTER – Worcester Polytechnic Institute recently announced that Tanner Gauthier, of Chicopee, was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. Additionally, Gauthier graduated with a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering with high distinction.

Students earn Dean's List honors at Springfield College

SPRINGFIELD – Springfield College recently announced those students who have been named to the Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester.

From Chicopee are Brianna Nadeau, Brian Root, Anna Kaletin, Aqsa Maham, Viktoriya Perevala, Ashley Rouleau, Oksana Kagan, Rachel Nadeau and Hannah Reidy.

Emerson College names spring semester Dean's List

BOSTON – Emerson College recently named its Dean's List for the 2020 spring semester. To qualify, a student must achieve a minimum 3.70 GPA. From Chicopee are Laura Bertrand and Madison Langlois.

URI names Dean's List students

KINGSTON, R.I. – The University of Rhode Island recently named its Dean's List for the spring 2020 semester. To qualify, a student must complete 12 or more credits for letter grades and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.30.

From Chicopee are Michael Baran, Hailey Chapdelaine, Alexandra Czarniecki, Dylan Fedora, Madi Hartling and Lauren Sittard.

Byrnes earns Dean's List honors

ROCHESTER, N.Y. – Patrick Byrnes of Chicopee was named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the 2020 spring semester. Byrnes is in the chemical engineering program.

Degree-seeking undergraduate students are eligible for Dean's List if their term GPA is greater than or equal to 3.40; they do not have any grades of "Incomplete", "D" or "F"; and they have registered for, and completed, at least 12 credit hours.

Students named to Dean's List at University of New Hampshire

DURHAM, N.H. – Two Chicopee students are among those honored by the University of New Hampshire, appearing on the Dean's List. They are Sara Dymek, High Honors and Taylor Boisjolie, Highest Honors.

Students are named to the Dean's List must carry a full-time, 12 credit course load. Highest Honors are awarded to students who earn a minimum 3.85 GPA. High Honors are awarded to students with a 3.65 to 3.84 GPA. Honors are awarded to to students with a 3.50 to 3.64 GPA.

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The Food Force was established during the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic by Shwachman, Chamber of Commerce President Julie Copoulos, Assistant Planner Patrick McKenna and Andrea Monson, a MassDevelopment employee who is heading a Transformative Development Initiative in the West End. A number of other local figures are also contributing.

With up to $500,000 in potential funding available from the Food Security Infrastructure Grant Program, the Food Force is revving itself into high gear. Shwachman detailed the reality that has driven the project thus far.

"In a lot of areas, if you are disabled or don't have transportation, your option might be the gas station or bodega next store; you're not going to find a whole lot of fresh, friendly food there. It's definitely challenging," she said.

In order for the Food Force to be successful, it must gather community insight. Individuals who join the July 15 Zoom meeting are encouraged to come prepared with questions and ideas.

For individuals who don't have computer access, the Food Force is collecting mailed in questions and ideas that may be typed or written in English or Spanish. Letters can be submitted to the Chicopee Chamber of Commerce at 48 Center St., Suite 201 in Chicopee, MA.

Shwachman and her peers are going to great lengths to promote the upcoming virtual meeting and the others that will hopefully follow. She is optimistic that downtown Chicopee residents will heed the call to participate.

"We want input. We want a diverse [collection] of voices going into this plan. We don't want to just come in and say, 'Hey, this is what we're going to do; get onboard.' We want it to be a shared, collective vision. If we don't implement something that people want, it won't be successful," said Shwachman.

In the eyes of the Food Force, opening up avenues to healthy eating is an important step towards fostering social justice. Shwachman listed the direct correlation between the Food Force's campaign and the movement that has swept up all of America.

"There's a lot of folks organizing around social justice, and food access is definitely a form of social justice," she said. "For now, we want to see who we can get on the call and see if there's anyone living downtown who is passionate and has a vision. Honestly, we're just trying to get as many people who live in and around downtown as possible in the virtual room to talk about food access and the current challenges."

For more information on the Food Force and the upcoming virtual meeting, one can visit the group's Facebook page or send a message to foodforcechicopee.com.

Chicopee youngsters tend to a garden. The Chicopee Food Force, which consists of various community stakeholders including Greta Shwachman, farm-to-school coordinator for Chicopee Public Schools, hopes to increase access to produce in the heart of the city.
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• Person with a substance use disorder	• Substance abuser or drug abuser • Alcoholic • Addict • User • Abuser • Drunk • Junkie
• Babies with an opioid dependency	• Addicted Babies/Born addicted
• Substance use disorder or addiction • Use, misuse • Risky, unhealthy, or heavy use	• Drug habit • Abuse • Problem
• Person in recovery • Abstinent • Not drinking or taking drugs	• Clean
• Treatment or medication for addiction • Medication for Opioid Use Disorder/Alcohol Use Disorder	• Substitution or replacement therapy • Medication-Assisted Treatment
• Positive, negative (toxicology screen results)	• Clean, dirty

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